



**Hermosa Beach City Manager's Office
City Council Meeting Updates
9.18.18**

A brief summary of important City Council updates discussed during the September 17, 2018 regularly scheduled meeting are provided below.

September 17, 2018 ([Meeting Agenda](#))

Presentation from the Los Angeles County West Vector Control District and Consideration of Appointing a Hermosa Beach Representative to the District Board – The meeting began with a presentation from the Executive Director of the LA County West Vector Control District on the roles and responsibilities of the District and their current initiatives. Following the presentation, Council provided direction to appoint the Mayor as the Hermosa Beach representative for the current term and the City Clerk to advertise the opportunity for interested residents to apply to serve as a Hermosa Beach representative on the LA County West Vector Control District Board for the upcoming term which will begin in January 2019.

Adoption of Ordinance to Formalize the Use of Scooters in the Skate Park – City Council unanimously adopted upon second reading ordinance number 18-1387 which would allow the use of non-motorized scooters in the Hermosa Beach Skate Park. This action follows the August 28 meeting, where the City Council unanimously concurred with the Parks & Recreation Commission and introduced an ordinance to amend the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code to allow non-motorized scooters to operate in the skate park. The use of scooters during the trial period posed no issues or concerns and on average, the number of scooters is equal to or slightly less than the number of skateboarders, so it has proven to be a successful and popular policy change for the skate park facility.

Adoption of Ordinance to Temporarily Prohibit Scooter and Bike Share Operations in the City and Clarify Strand Regulations – City Council unanimously adopted upon second reading ordinance number 18-1387 which would temporarily prohibit shared mobility devices such as scooters and bicycles in Hermosa Beach and clarifies current practices on the Strand and Pier Plaza related to electric and motorized equipment. This action follows the August 28 meeting, where City Council unanimously voted to introduce an ordinance to temporarily ban the use of motorized scooters/bikeshare within the City until guidelines for shared mobility operations are adopted and directed staff to return to City Council within three months with recommendations on the City's approach for a shared mobility program. Furthermore, City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City's fee schedule to add an administrative fee related to the release of impounded bicycles, scooters, and other personal mobility devices in the amount of \$130.

Award of Construction Contract for Pacific Coast Highway Improvements – As recommended by the Public Works Director, Council voted to unanimously award a construction contract to EBS General Engineering in the amount of \$370,980 to improve PCH at the intersections of Aviation Blvd and Pier Avenue. The improvements included in this contract will upgrade the crosswalk ramps to comply with ADA standards, add a new crosswalk to the north side of the intersection at Pier Avenue, and improve the turning movements for vehicles.

Award of Contract for Sanitary Sewer System Maintenance and Inspection Services – As recommended by the Public Works Director, Council voted to unanimously award a construction contract to Empire Pipe Cleaning and Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$476,710 for a three-year contract to provide maintenance, cleaning, and inspection services of the City's sewer infrastructure.

Amendment to the Solid Waste Contract with Athens Services – Council approved an amendment to the contract with Athens Services, which provides solid waste services to the City, to remove the requirement for a local office due to a low volume of service requests and to allow Athens to adjust annual rates for customers of 3.43%. Athens Services currently provides monthly steam cleaning of The Strand and twice-monthly steam



cleaning of the Jarvis Memorial for a combined value of \$18,603.36 in kind, in lieu of paying rent to the City for their use of space in our Community Services Division offices.

Downtown Subcommittee Update –The Downtown Subcommittee provided an update on their efforts over the last several months on progress related to the topics of the Downtown Enhancement Plan, noting that many of the items in the progress report will be coming back to Council for discussion as individual items in the coming months. As part of the recommendation to receive and file the update, direction was provided to the subcommittee to explore a potential public private sponsorship of an aesthetic lighting project along Hermosa Avenue.

Leadership Hermosa Subcommittee Update – The Leadership Hermosa Beach subcommittee of Council provided an update to the Council on their efforts in recent months to strengthen collaboration with Leadership Hermosa Beach. The update included a summary of the meetings held between the two organizations and the recommendations that came from the work of the subcommittee. Council received and filed the report and concurred with the recommendations from the subcommittee.

Request from Mayor to Host Second Annual La La Land Event – The Hermosa Beach City Council considered a request to allocate funds up to \$20,000 and co-host with Kinecta Federal Credit Union a La La Land day event in Hermosa Beach. The request was unanimously approved by Council with the event tentatively scheduled to take place between Wednesday October 24th and Saturday October 27th. More details will be forthcoming and a [video from the 2017](#) event can be viewed on our Facebook page.

Other Matters/Tentative Future Agenda – To close out the meeting, Council Member Armato requested staff to return with an update in October on items related to Fiesta Hermosa, Summer Concerts, the Community Theater, and Signage/Branding Efforts, and Councilmember Campbell requested staff return with an item for Council to consider opposing Proposition 6, which would repeal the Road Repair and Accountability Act that was enacted in 2017 to help fund road repairs.

**THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE
ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018.**

Questions or comments? Contact the Assistant to the City Manager Nico De Anda-Scaia Monday through Thursday, 7AM- 6PM at (310) 318-0201 or via email at ndeanda@hermosabch.org.

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